

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vegetable peeler comprising
a cross-piece having a two ends and presenting a first
5 total area;
two lateral gripping surfaces having a first end and a
second end at a first predetermined distance along a
gripping surface axis from said first end, said first
end of each gripping surface being connected to one of
10 the ends of said cross-piece so that said gripping
surfaces are in a second predetermined distance, said
gripping surfaces presenting a second total area;
said two lateral gripping surfaces and said connecting
cross-piece forming a substantially U-shaped holder of a
15 predetermined height when measured in perpendicular di-
rection to said gripping surface axis, said U-shaped
holder having two legs of a predetermined length and an
intermediate portion interconnecting said legs;
a peeling blade having two ends, extending between said
20 second ends of said lateral gripping surfaces and be-
ing connected to them, thus defining a peeling direc-
tion substantially perpendicularly to the extension of
said peeling blade, said peeling blade further having
a leading edge for peeling vegetable and defining a
25 peeling plane, and a trailing edge;
the vegetable peeler being shorter in said peeling direc-
tion than said predetermined distance between said
gripping surfaces.
- 30 2. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
cross-piece extends transversely to said peeling direc-
tion.

3. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cross-piece comprises a display surface.
4. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cross-piece is vaulted convex in upward direction away from the peeling blade.
5. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cross-piece is vaulted concave in downward direction towards the peeling blade.
6. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cross-piece, in use, extends above said peeling blade.
7. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 6, wherein said cross-piece interconnects said lateral gripping surfaces between said first and second ends.
8. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 7, wherein said cross-piece interconnects said lateral gripping surfaces substantially at the center between said first and second ends.
9. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lateral surfaces and said cross-piece are integrally formed.
10. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lateral surfaces and said cross-piece are formed of sheet metal.
11. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lateral surfaces and said cross-piece are formed of plastic material.

12. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said lateral surfaces comprises a recessed gripping surface.
- 5 13. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 12, wherein said recessed gripping surfaces are in the region of said first ends opposite said second end connected to said peeling blade.
- 10 14. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said peeling blade is inclined relative to said peeling plane that said leading edge and said trailing edge are in different planes.
- 15 15. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the distance between said gripping surfaces is larger than said height.
16. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sec-
20 ond predetermined distance is larger than each of said first predetermined distance and said height.
17. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first total area of said cross-piece, that extends over
25 said peeling blade, is larger than said second total area.
18. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said U-
30 shape of said holder has a small area as compared with any of said first and second total areas.
19. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 1, wherein said height and said predetermined length of said substantially U-shaped holder are each smaller than said inter-
35 mediate portion.

20. A vegetable peeler comprising
a cross-piece having a two ends;
two lateral gripping surfaces having a first end and a
5 second end, said first end of each gripping surface
being connected to one of the ends of said cross-piece
so that said gripping surfaces are in a predetermined
distance;
said two lateral gripping surfaces and said connecting
10 cross-piece forming a substantially U-shaped holder hav-
ing two legs and an intermediate portion interconnecting
said legs;
a peeling blade having two ends, extending between said
second ends of said lateral gripping surfaces and be-
15 ing connected to them, thus defining a peeling direc-
tion substantially perpendicularly to the extension of
said peeling blade, said peeling blade comprising
bearing means on each one of its ends to define a pen-
dulum axis supported in said gripping surfaces, each
20 one of said bearing means being pivotally connected to
one of said second ends of said lateral surfaces so
that said peeling blade forms a pendulum blade;
the vegetable peeler being shorter in said peeling direc-
tion than said predetermined distance between said
25 gripping surfaces.
21. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 20, wherein said
bearing means of said pendulum blade comprise an axle on
each of said ends, each of said gripping surfaces com-
30 prising a pivot bearing surface for said axle.
22. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 21, wherein said
gripping surfaces are formed as to enable them to be
clamped between the thumb and at least one finger of one

hand of a user, said axle means of said peeling blade projecting beyond said pivot bearing means so as to enable engagement by said thumb and said finger.

5 23. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 20, further comprising abutment means for limiting pivoting of said pendulum blade.

10 24. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 20, wherein said legs comprise each a bearing surface for said axles and said lateral gripping surfaces.

25. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 20, wherein said cross-piece extends parallel to said peeling blade.

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26. A vegetable peeler comprising
two lateral surfaces spaced from one another, each lateral surface having a predetermined length so as to have two opposite ends, a first end of each lateral surface presenting a bearing surface, while a second end comprises a recessed gripping surface;
20 a peeling blade having two ends, extending between said second ends of said lateral surfaces and being connected to them, thus defining a peeling direction substantially perpendicularly to the extension of said peeling blade, said peeling blade comprising means forming an axle on each one of its ends to define a pendulum axis supported in said bearing surfaces, each one of said axle means being pivotally connected to
25 one of said second ends of said lateral surfaces so that said peeling blade forms a pendulum blade;
30 the vegetable peeler being shorter in said peeling direction than said predetermined distance between said gripping surfaces.

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27. A vegetable peeler comprising
two lateral gripping surfaces spaced from one another;
a peeling blade having two ends so as to define a longitudinal axis, said peeling blade extending between
5 said lateral gripping surfaces and being connected to them, thus defining a peeling direction transversely to the extension of said peeling blade, said peeling blade further having a leading edge for peeling vegetable and defining a peeling plane, and a trailing
10 edge, both edges extending between said two ends, said peeling blade extending in said peeling plane.
28. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 27, wherein an angle
is formed between said longitudinal axis of said peeling
15 blade and an axis transverse to said peeling direction.
29. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 28, wherein said angle is between 3 and 25°.
- 20 30. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 29, wherein said angle is between 10 and 15°.
31. A vegetable peeler comprising
two lateral gripping surfaces spaced from one another;
25 a peeling blade having two ends, extending between said lateral gripping surfaces and being connected to them, thus defining a peeling direction substantially perpendicularly to the extension of said peeling blade, said peeling blade further having a leading edge for
30 peeling vegetable and defining a peeling plane, and a trailing edge, both edges extending between said two ends, said peeling blade extending parallel to said peeling plane and being inclined thereto.

32. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 31, wherein an angle is formed between said longitudinal axis of said peeling blade and an axis transverse to said peeling direction.

5 33. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is between 3 and 25°.

34. Vegetable peeler as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is between 10 and 15°.